

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (canceled).
3. (canceled).
4. (currently amended) A horse shoe, comprising:

a first part for coupling to a bottom of a horse's hoof, the first part being formed from a material exhibiting a first amount of resiliency, the first part having an interior edge and a peripheral edge; and

a second part extending from the first part to ~~overly~~ overlie a sole portion of the horse's hoof, the second part being formed from a material exhibiting a second amount of resiliency, wherein the second amount of resiliency is greater than the first amount of resiliency, the second part disposed between said first part and the hoof along said interior edge of said first part, only a portion of said second part extending from said interior edge to said peripheral edge of said first part.

5. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the first part overlies the second part on a ground side of the shoe such that the second part is sandwiched between the first part and the sole of the horse's hoof when in use.

6. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the second part overlies at least a frog portion of the sole of the horse's hoof such that it provides support to a caudal portion of the horse's hoof when in use.

7. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the first part is harder to give structural strength for nail-retention, and the second part is softer to lessen pressure points on the sole portion of the horse's foot.

8. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the first and second parts are made from different types of plastic, the type of plastic of the first part having a higher durometer than the type of plastic of the second part.

9. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the first and second parts are made from the same type of material, the differing resiliency of the first and second parts being obtained through geometric shaping of the respective parts.

10. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 9, wherein the second part of the shoe includes a plurality of voids in the material so that it deforms more easily and has higher resiliency than the first part.

11. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, wherein the second part is sized and shaped to extend at least partially over a heel portion of the horse's hoof when in use.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, further comprising a plurality of stand-offs on a sole-side of the first part for holding the shoe a distance from the horse's hoof while gluing such that a substantially uniform thickness of glue between the hoof and the shoe is obtained.

14. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 4, further comprising at least one injection port through the first part for permitting a liquid packing material to fill the voids between the shoe and the hoof, the liquid packing material becoming firmer after it is applied.

15. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 4, further comprising a tread pattern disposed on a ground side of at least one of the first and second parts, the pattern including elongated islands of material such that they form a roughly circular pattern about a center of the shoe so that a longer aspect of the islands resists slipping in lateral translations of the shoe while allowing at least some rotational slip about the center of the shoe.

16. (previously presented) The horse shoe of claim 4, further comprising an aperture extending through the at least the second part to provide air flow to the sole portion of the horse's hoof when in use.

17. (withdrawn) A horse shoe, comprising:

a first part for coupling to a bottom of a horse's hoof, the first part including an inner edge proximate to an outer periphery of a sole portion of the horse's hoof and an outer edge proximate to an outer periphery of the horse's hoof;

a second part extending from the first part to overly the sole portion of the horse's hoof; and

flaps operable to couple the shoe to the horse's hoof, the flaps extending from at least one of the first and second parts of the shoe inward from the outer edge of the first part such that the outer edge of the shoe may be trimmed when fitted to the horse's hoof without interfering with the flaps.

18. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 17, wherein the first part is formed from a material exhibiting a first amount of resiliency and the second part is formed from a material exhibiting a second amount of resiliency, wherein the second amount of resiliency is greater than the first amount of resiliency.

19. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 17, wherein the first part overlies the second part on a ground side of the shoe such that the second part is sandwiched between the first part and the sole of the horse's hoof when in use.

20. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 17, wherein the second part overlies at least a frog portion of the sole of the horse's hoof such that it provides support to a caudal portion of the horse's hoof when in use.

21. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 17, wherein the first part is harder to give structural strength for nail-retention, and the second part is softer to lessen pressure points on the sole portion of the horse's foot.

22. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 17, wherein the first and second parts are made from different types of plastic, the type of plastic of the first part having a higher durometer than the type of plastic of the second part.

23. (withdrawn) The horse shoe of claim 17, wherein the second part is sized and shaped to extend at least partially over a heel portion of the horse's hoof when in use.